

## FACULTY OF ARTS

B.A./B.Com./B.B.A./B.Sc./B.S.W. II – Semester (New) Examination, June/July 2024

Subject: General English  
Paper – II

Time: 3 Hours

Max.Marks:80

## PART - A (5x4=20 Marks)

Answer any five questions.

## 1. Answer as directed

- This is old news. (Identify if oxymoron/ hyperbole)
- Suraj \_\_\_ going to parties with his friends. (use the correct form of the verb- love)
- Whom \_\_\_ you meet this afternoon? (Have, were, did)
- Tsunami is a loan word from \_\_\_ language. (Chinese/ Korean/ Japanese)

## 2. Answer as directed

- I could come along with you. (Identify the auxiliary verb)
- Motel is a combination of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ words.
- Where \_\_\_ you see my phone? (Is, have, did)
- She is as slow as a turtle. (Identify if oxymoron/ hyperbole)

## 3. Answer as directed

- I \_\_\_ enjoyed the movie. It was not interesting. (hasn't/ didn't/ don't)
- Come \_\_\_ before it finishes! (use the correct form of the adverb- quick)
- Combination of picture + \_\_\_ makes the word pixel.
- Barking dogs do not bite. (Identify the non-finite verb)

## 4. Answer as directed

- Her eyes sparkled like diamonds. \_\_\_ (identify if it is a simile/ metaphor)
- I \_\_\_ a film (watch) when my friend called me.
- I struggle to understand. (Identify the infinitive verb)
- That car \_\_\_ always been my favourite. (was, has, is, have)

## 5. Answer as directed

- The design has an irregular pattern (identify the oxymoron)
- How many years have you \_\_\_? (use the correct form of the verb- teach)
- Mosquito is a word borrowed into English from \_\_\_ language. (German/ French/ Spanish)
- I love the seaside, but I \_\_\_ know how to swim. (can't/ may/ don't)

## 6. Arrange the following in a sequence.

- It contains, of course, the meanings of words.
- One of the most important reference books that you must possess is a dictionary.
- It also gives you the pronunciation of the words.
- You do possess one, perhaps, but I doubt whether you are aware of the different kinds of information it contains.

7. Write an account of some of the practices you follow in your day-to-day life to keep up with your holistic health.

8. List out some of the steps in writing an effective paragraph.

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**PART- B (4x15=60 Marks)**

**Note: Answer the following questions.**

9. (a) What is the attitude of the speaker towards the cutting down of the banyan tree? What lines and words in the poem reveal this?
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- (b) Write in your own words about the lawyer's attitude and feelings towards humanity at the end of his fifteen years of confinement. What did he believe was wrong with society?
10. (a) Comment on the speaker's view of the relationship between man and nature.
- OR
- (b) Do you agree with the proverb 'Necessity is the mother of invention'? How valid is it in the context of Sahasranamam's essay? State some examples.
11. (a) Discuss in detail about the central theme of the poem 'A Different History'
- OR
- (b) According to Morrison, how is the language 'looted' and 'killed'? What impact does the death of a language have on its users?
12. (a) Write a character sketch of Lady Macbeth.
- OR
- (b) Based on what you have read about G.B. Shaw, what progress could you trace in his development as a public speaker.

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